

# Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

No Special Session  
Until We Know Just  
What Schools Need

Although Governor Sid McMath is sounding out the legislators regarding a special session to meet the schools' financial crisis there's small chance the session will be called.

Actually, there's nothing to debate until the statehouse school politicians cool off and tell us what the schools have to have — not what they want. There's a big difference between the picture as presented by agents of the State Department of Education and as shown by local district school boards throughout Arkansas.

With school revenues close to an all-time peak the state boys urged expanded budgets for local districts, assuring the state would foot the bill. They so urged when, as long as a couple of years ago, they knew they were running on a margin of surplus funds — not actual tax collections.

This manipulation didn't start under Governor McMath. It started under "Business Man" Ben Laney. Governor Laney called it "stabilization" — swapping funds back and forth and spending 'em, but not actually covering with collected taxes the full amount of the schools' budget.

Inexperienced school business men in the State Department of Education never sensed the danger, kept expensive planning at a high level — and never advised local school boards differently until "broke."

It's a serious judgment on the competence of state school men to report that while reaching for the moon on an all-over-Arkansas grand educational plan they missed their guess so badly that scores of school districts have had to close up their classrooms — the operation of which is the schools' only reason for existence.

Everyone knows, of course, what the basic trouble with Arkansas schools is. Our real and personal property, backbone of school funds, is assessed on a voluntary and futile system. This is at the local level. Therefore most of the districts have to have extensive help from the state government. Mainstay of the state's school fund is the 2 percent sales tax. This is not going to be increased, regardless what some of the school politicians say. Regardless what the legislature might do under pressure a sales tax increase would eventually be referred to the people — who'd beaten them.

If these loud-spoken politicos had any real courage they would say something about the property assessment system, where they deal with men of wealth and power — rather than the sales tax, which is direct burden on the poorest class, who seldom have anyone to speak for them.

But school revenues are already close to the all-time peak, and it's worth examining what's happened to this money. The Arkansas Democrat reported in its news columns March 11 — and the facts haven't been contradicted — as follows:

"The public school forces had 4½ million dollars in increased funds 'in their hands' (in the 1951 legislature) but they gambled '10 million dollars or nothing' and ended up with — nothing.

"A report put out by the State Department of Education has become available and shows some interesting figures. There are now 50,000 less pupils enrolled in the Arkansas schools than 10 years ago.

"Here is probably the most interesting, however. In 1940 the state of Arkansas was spending \$34 for each of its white pupils and \$14 for each of its negro pupils.

"In 1950, according to the report, the state spent \$130 for each of its white pupils and \$78 for each of its negro pupils."

Revenue is needed — but what point is there to discussing revenue without also discussing a spending manner which, in the flood tide of prosperity, has brought the public schools to financial grief and a premature closing?

## Thousands in Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

Jerusalem, March 23 — (AP) — Thousands of devout Christians made a Good Friday pilgrimage through crooked streets of old-walled Jerusalem today as a drought described as the worst in 80 years plagued the Holy Land. Holy Week devotions neared the joyous Easter Sunday climax after weeks of sunny, clear weather.

Pilgrims — hundreds from abroad — today followed the storied route taken by Christ as he carried his cross to calvary.

Some groups, retracing Christ's steps, as usual carried with them large wood crosses through the winding and narrow cobblestoned streets.

The 14th and last station of the "Via Dolorosa" is the tomb beside the holy sepulchre where Christ's body was believed taken after his death on nearby Calvary, fought, in a medieval Roman Catholic service at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, a symbolic figure will be taken from a cross, bathed, anointed and laid in a tomb.

Archbishop Albert Gore Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem and the Holy Land last night washed the feet of junior priests in a biblical re-enactment of Jesus' washing of the apostles' feet.

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## WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas — Fair, warmer this afternoon. Tonight, Friday, considerate cloudiness, mild with scattered showers.

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## Reds Rally, Try to Trap U.S. Parachutists

Tokyo, March 23 — (AP) — American paratroopers bolstered by tough rangers jumped today behind Communist lines north of Seoul and shocked some 20,000 Red troops into hasty flight.

The paratroopers filled the sky with their brightly-hued parachutes like a massive Easter bouquet.

But the Communists rallied later and were fighting desperately to surround and wipe out the 3,000 outnumbered American jumpers.

An armored column spearheading a fresh Allied drive by three divisions north of Seoul linked up with the paratroops near the drop area south of Munsan.

Lines of infantrymen trudged up the road for miles behind, moving to the aid of the hard-fighting "chutists.

A second column rolled through the road center of Uijongbu and fanned out to the east north and west.

But the Reds won back a commanding peak four miles northwest of Sijongbu and late Friday were pouring heavy artillery and mortar fire into the Allied positions. Munsan is 21 miles northwest of Seoul and only nine miles south of Red Korea. Uijongbu is 11 miles north of Seoul.

St. Gen. Mathew B. Ridgway landed in his light plane on a dirt road near Munsan only 29 minutes after the first paratrooper jumped. Field dispatches said the Eighth Army commander at one time was in the thick of heavy fire.

The parachute operation was carried out on a fast schedule. C-119 Flying Boxcars roared over the one-mile drop area on express train schedule. The paratroopers had only 20 seconds from signal to "hit the silk."

Ammunition cases, jeeps and artillery billowed down after them.

"It would be beautiful — really beautiful. If it weren't so terrible," said a lieutenant colonel, describing the drop.

Ridgway, tight-lipped, told correspondents: "The purpose of this operation is to kill the enemy."

Earlier, some 60,000 Reds had been reported in the area, with dug in defenses 25 miles wide and 15 miles deep to the Red Korean border. It was not immediately reported whether the bulk of this force had fled across the border or was making a stand. They were identified as elements of the North Korean first corps.

In central Korea, an American patrol pushed within two miles of the border north of Chunchon. It met no Reds but was halted by the deep and swift Pukhan river.

But elsewhere in this central area a field dispatch said, Red Koreans stepped up their resistance. The Communists were dug in 10 miles south of the border around Red-held Mt. Kari, a 4,000-foot peak.

Farther east, a 2,000 man Communist rear guard force was observed 11 miles northwest of Pungam, moving toward the border.

In northwest Korea, F-86 Sabres jets damaged two Russian-type MiG jets Friday. Fifteen American Sabre jets tangled with 30 or more MiGs near Sinuiju.

"There were dogfights all over the sky. It was just one big rat race," a pilot said.

Allied warplanes blistered the parachute drop area near Munsan ahead of the big jump.

More than 3,300 paratroopers of the 183rd airborne regimental combat team and ranger elements made the jump.

## Packing House Workers Set for a Strike

Chicago, March 23 — (AP) — More than 100,000 CIO packinghouse workers today awaited a strike call against the nation's meat packers.

But AFL meat handlers planned no walkout on Monday, the deadline in the threatened strike by the two big meat packing unions.

The CIO union said it was "ready to strike" when a date is set. The union's strike strategy committee met today to set a date and complete strike details.

A walkout by the CIO worker, and not by the AFL, could cut sharply the nation's meat supply, much as did a similar walkout three years ago by the CIO union. The last work stoppage, stemming from a wage dispute, lasted from March 16 to May 22, 1948.

The AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers said its 100,000 members would not strike on Monday when the present wage agreement with packers expires. However, a spokesman said the international executive board and local union heads reaffirmed the right to strike. He said the date is to be decided by Earl W. Jummersen, president, and Patrick Gorman, executive secretary.

At present, William Green, president of the AFL, has not yet

## Local Legislators Comment on Special Session

By the Associated Press

Governor Sid McMath's proposal for a special session to consider money bills to relieve the critical schools situation brought this comment from the legislators of Hempstead county:

Senator F. C. Crow: I feel a special session is too late to help the present school emergency. I would be in favor of a special meeting around July 1, to deal with the emergency which the schools face in the next two years.

Rep. Thurston Hulsey: I will vote for a sales tax increase to take care of this year's school emergency and to provide for the 1951-52 school year. But I would like to see the income tax raised on this year's income to be collected next spring for the school year 1952-53 and for years to come.

Rep. James West: I am willing to go up for a special session for the purpose of relieving the school emergency but I am not in favor of a sales tax increase as a method of obtaining funds.

## Your Chamber of Commerce in Action

The membership committee has about completed its annual drive. The response has been good. The first meetings of committees for the year are scheduled during the next few days. Each board member has been assigned a committee to work with. The first to meet next week is the agricultural committee. The over-all agricultural committee is composed of Ed Thrash, W. M. Sparks, Oliver Adams, Robert LaGrone, Sid McMath, Dick Watkins, and H. O. Kyler with Dewey Baber as board member advisor. The agricultural division breakdown is as follows:

Dairy - W. W. Ellen, Ollie Olsen, Autrey Wilson, Earl Brown

Forestry - W. H. Gunter, Graydon Anthony, John Keck, Rufus Martin

Orchard - Cecil Bittle, Oliver Adams, J. W. Strickland, D. D. Booth, and H. C. Byers

Livestock - M. S. Bailes, Roy Fry, Edwin Cox, Mr. Raming, C. O. Temple, Claude Sutton, G. D. Royston, Mr. R. Norton

C. C. Lewis heads the retail committee with Basil York as board member and with following divisions:

Restaurants - Frank Miller, E. Sprague

Shoe - Syvelle Burke, Corbin Foster

Jewelry - Eddie Stewart, A. B. Mhoon, Mrs. L. A. Keith

Furniture & Hardware - E. W. Copeland, Pat Duffie

General Merchandise - Fred Robertson, Henry Haynes, George Robison, Aaron Tollett, Milton Dilard, Wesley Hart, A. E. Stonequist

Paul Church, E. W. Davis

Groceries - Bob Turner, Gayland Hobbs, Danny Hamilton, Royce Smith, J. H. Reed, C. Cassidy, Ferrell Baker

Auto - Early Archer, Jr., Frank Horton

Service Stations - Charley Tarpley, Charles Wyllie, David Frith, Grover Thompson

Drug Store - Howard Byers

Barbers - H. J. Harlston

Royce Welsonberger will serve as board member advisor to the Armed Services Committee which is as follows:

Armed Services Committee - Don Dell, Buddy Evans, Joe Jones, J. C. Atchley, Julian White, Harry Hawthorne, Robert LaGrone, L. B. Tooley, Victor Cobb, Sgt. Short.

The Budget Committee is composed of Guy Basye, W. W. White, Vincent Foster.

The Health Committee is composed of Dr. Walter Sims, Dr. F. D. Henry, Dr. A. L. Hardage, Dr. Jud Martindale and Dr. Rogers.

Ben Owens will serve as board member advisor to the Convention Committee, which is as follows:

Thomas Hays, Dale Jones, Dr. G. F. Cannon, Dr. George Wright, H. L. Hanegan, W. B. Mason, Alton Williams, B. L. Reitzig, Bob Carroll, D. M. Floyd, Brent McPherson, R. E. Cain, Chester Hunt, H. L. Adam and Paul McClellan.

The Publicity Committee is composed of the following: C. A. Armistage, George Frazer, Dr. Emmett Thompson, Don Miller, Jess Davis, Luther Holloman, and Buddy Evans.

Herbert Burns will serve as the Highway Committee as board member advisor. The committee is composed of the following: Dorsey McRae, E. J. Whitman, Ralph Lehman, C. Cook, Ray McDowell, David Frith, Ray Luck, Norman Moore, S. L. Murphy, B. R. Hamm, Early Archer, Jr., K. E. Ambrose, Harry Shiver, Roy Crain, L. E. Potetz, R. C. Ellen.

W. W. White will serve as board member advisor to the Hope, Hempstead and Arkansas Products Committee which is as follows: Miss Beryl Henry, Mrs. John Keck, Roy Anderson, Jimmie Jones, Dale Jones, Bill Wray, Jewel Moore, Moody Willis, Mrs. David Griffin, Mrs. George Robison and Walter Verplanck, Jr.

The Bodoway Senior play, "Call Me Darling", will be staged at the school at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, March 27. The public is invited.

**Armitage Opens Law Offices**

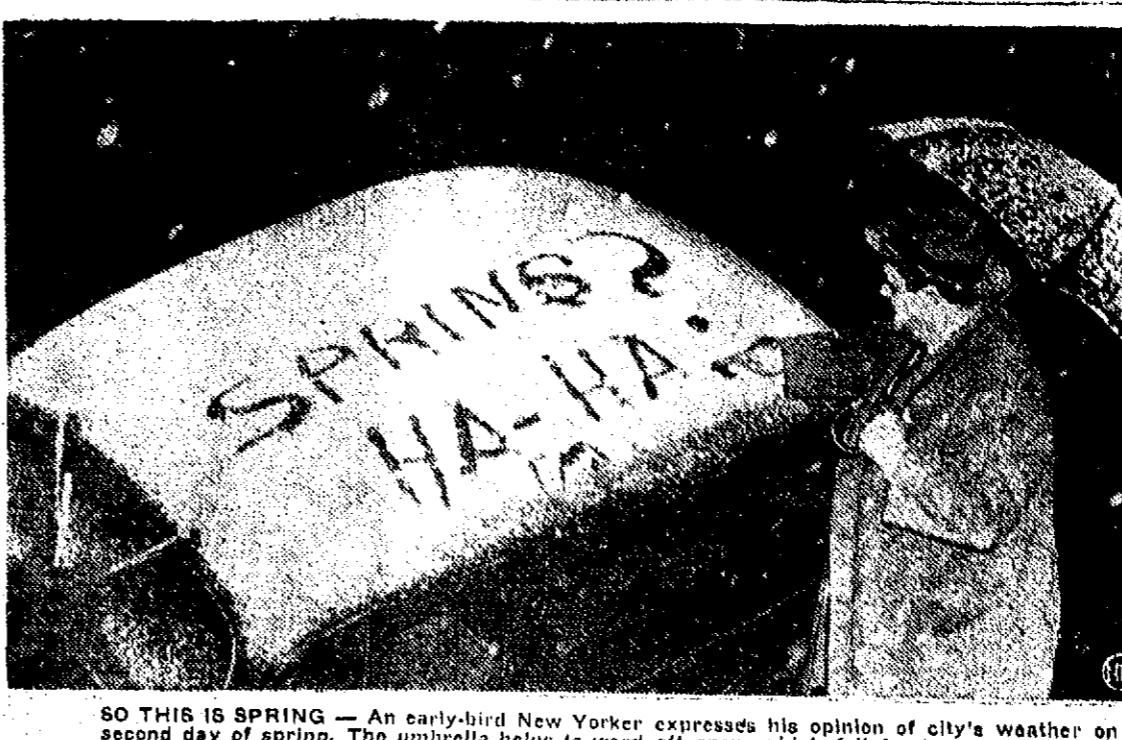
Charles A. Armitage today opened offices in the First National Bank Building for the general practice of law. The offices are located in suite 400 in the building.

**Bodoway Play Is Set for Tuesday**

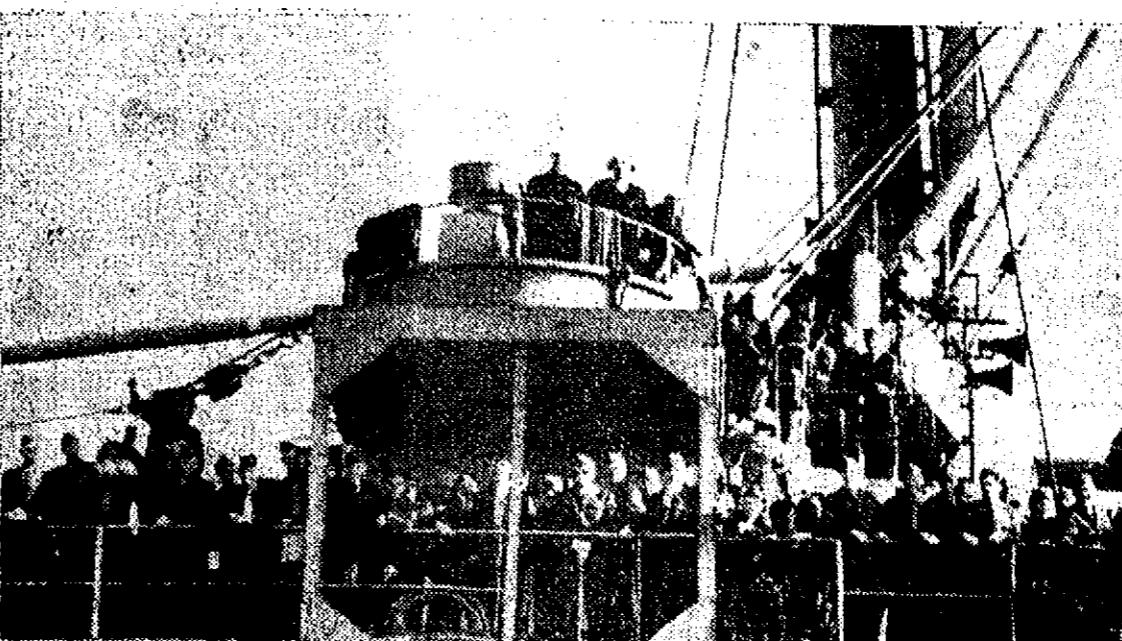
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**Worst Record**

Florida, with the second largest woodland area in the United States, has the worst record after



SO THIS IS SPRING — An early-bird New Yorker expresses his opinion of city's weather on second day of spring. The umbrella helps to ward off snow which fell for hours. (NEA Telephoto)



FIRST LOOK IN SEVEN MONTHS — Returning Marines from Korean battlefronts stand the rail of the USS General Read to get a first look at San Francisco and the United States in seven months. The 1500 veterans are the second group to come home under the new rotation plan. Also on board are 157 war dead, the first to be returned. (NEA Telephoto)

## In His Heart the American Fighting Man Knows That Russia Has to Be Stopped

By HAL BOYLE

New York — (UPI) — Somewhere in Korea weeks ago an American soldier picked up an enemy propaganda leaflet.

Ever since then the questions it raised have haunted him and members of his family in Squirm.

The faded leaflet — it is on my desk now — is a greeting from "the Chinese people's army volunteers forces" to the American troops. It wished them a merry Christmas and individually any ill will either. Soldiers in any war rarely hate each other on a personal basis.

"I know the word freedom may sound ponderous and hollow in ears filled with the noise of crunching mortars. But it is a basic word — basic as hunger and fear. And freedom is your goal. Eventual freedom in the world from war an dear and hunger.

"You came into Korea under a blue and white flag of the United Nations, pledged to bring unity and freedom to that country. Why is the Chinese so-called 'volunteer' there? He came under the red flag of real slaughter — the slaughter of the long dream of Korean independence.

"And if he wins there it won't be just Korean independence that will disappear. Step by step the Red armies of China and Russia will march across other countries unable to defend themselves alone and gradually swallow the world.

"We realize that enemy propaganda is one of their greatest weapons," he wrote. "But in our position how can we help but believe parts of this. We'd like for you to help me get an answer to some of these questions."



# SOCIETY

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Calendar

Monday, March 26

The Workers Sunday school class of Garrett Memorial Baptist church will hold its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Lewis Smith on S. Washington at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. J. S. McDowell will be co-hostess. All members are urged to attend.

Monday, March 26

Lions Club will meet Monday at 12 o'clock at the Barlow Hotel. Miss Clarice Brown will be in charge of the program. All members are urged to be present.

Tuesday, March 27

The Cosmopolitan Club will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Frank Horton with Mrs. Jim McKenzie as co-hostess.

## Willing Workers Class Of Gospel Tabernacle Church Meets

The Willing Workers Class of the Hope Gospel Tabernacle met Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock in Fellowship Hall for their monthly social and business meeting. Mrs. A. B. Moon and Mrs. W. W. White were hostesses.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Mrs. Clarence Knighten. Mrs. W. W. White, teacher of the class, presided over a short business session after which the group enjoyed games under the direction of Mrs. Orville Steadman and Mrs. Orville Hoelser.

The hostesses served a delicious sandwich plate, carrying out the Easter motif, to 14 members.

The next meeting will be held April 26 with Mrs. Orville Hoelser and Mrs. C. S. Cook as hostesses.

## Country Club Bridge-Luncheon

Artistic arrangements of yellow and white bulb flowers and greenery placed at vantage points in the reception rooms of the Hope Country Club was the setting for the ladies bridge-luncheon Thursday, March 22 at 12:30 o'clock. Hostesses were Mrs. George Peck and Mrs. A. E. Slusher.

The refreshment table was overlaid with a yellow cloth and held as its centerpiece lovely arrangement of white and yellow flowers. A delightful luncheon was enjoyed by the 30 guests.

Bridge was played from five tables. Mrs. Syd McMath won the high score prize and Mrs. John Hatley won second. Mrs. Ramsey Garland of Emmet was an out-of-town guest.

**Mrs. Agce Gilbert Of Fulton Honored**

A Miscellaneous Shower Sunday School Class 3 of Fulton honored Mrs. Agce Gilbert with a surprise miscellaneous shower Thursday night, March 22. Mrs. Gilbert has recently moved to Fulton and is a member of the class.

Pvt. Charles Clark, who has been stationed at Lackland Field, San Antonio, left Thursday night via plane for the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., to receive his training as a typist clerk. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of this city.

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Miss Frances Hays, field secretary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold an institute for this district Thursday and Friday in Texarkana at the Hotel Grim.

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Wm. C. Bulman of Little Rock, proprietor of the Bulman furniture store in Hope, was in the city today on business stopping at Hotel Grim.

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# Local Theaters Announce Opening of Spring Festival Celebration

To Feature Top Shows for the Next 10 Weeks

## May Not Call Inactive Reserves

Washington, March 22—(UPI)—The defense department hopes soon to stop calling inactive reservists to duty unless the world situation grows worse or the individual reservist has true military qualifications.

**MATSON THEATRES, INC.**, operators of the Saenger and Rialto theaters in Hope, have announced the opening of a Spring Festival celebration for 10 weeks, starting Sunday, March 25, beginning with the showing of "Born Yesterday."

This program, as announced by Eddie Hollind, city manager for Matson, will include the film versions of many of the best plays and short stories produced in the past year and will be diversified to include comedy, drama and musicals.

Outstanding attractions which will appear at the Saenger and Rialto theaters during the Spring Festival include the opening attraction, "Born Yesterday," rated among the top of this year's hits from Hollywood, and starring Broderick Crawford and Judy Holliday. There'll be the Technicolor version of Sidney Rittenberg's "Kim," filmed in off-Broadway, and starring Errol Flynn. For the tops in comedy there will be "Bedtime for Bonzo," with Hollywood's newest star, Bonzo, a young chimpanzee, who is adopted by Diana Lynn and Ronald Reagan, and they try to prove he could be just like "Junior," but they can't take him the juvenile delinquent.

For the action fans, there will be "M. Jennings of Oklahoma," filmed in Technicolor and starring Dan Aykroyd and Gale Storm. This is the all-truth-to-life story of the last great outlaws, as told by Al Jennings himself. Another action film for the outdoors fans is "Pony Hawk," filmed in Technicolor. It's a glory story of the great Sioux Indians. It stars Van Heflin and June McCarroll.

"At War With the Army" features America's funniest comedy team, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Their newest and most hilarious

singing writer who doesn't think her two ink coats much of an achievement.

It's praise enough for Miss Holden to say that she equals, even surpasses, her droll performance in the Broadway play; the greater scope of the motion picture camera permits greater scope for Miss Holden's happy hijinx as the brazen beauty whose knowledge covers only men and mind until she learns the alphabet from A to "I," for love?

Holden appears to equal perfection as the idealistic young reporter who teaches the ex-church what democracy is all about and learns from her a lesson in love. Recently hailed by critics and public alike for his tremendously moving dramatic performance in "Sunset Boulevard," Holden now contributes a beautifully conceived comedy performance in "Born Yesterday," to prove himself a master of the motion picture art.

Crawford, the echoes of whose Academy Award performance in "All the King's Men" still reverberate through Hollywood, gives in "Born Yesterday" another piece of magnificent screen mimicry, like Holden in a lighter vein. As the all-conquering junk dealer in Washington to make an undercover deal, Crawford joyously portrays a loud-mouthed, ignorant and thoroughly human tycoon, who takes a simple delight in dazzling congressmen with a strong, ill-fitting suit, but not his conscience.

George Cukor, one of Hollywood's top directors, takes brilliant advantage of the laugh-loaded script by Albert Mamliner, making "Born Yesterday" a joy to behold. S. Sylvan Simon produced the comedy.

**Official Residence**

Whitehall became the official residence of English rulers in 1797, giving way to Buckingham Palace in 1837. The British court is called the Court of St. James after a religious establishment which once occupied the site.

Varna, Bulgarian port now known as Stalin, is a city of 75,000.

## SPRING FESTIVAL Celebration of Greater Screen Shows HIT AFTER HIT WEEK AFTER WEEK!

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## WHO'S WHO IN "BORN YESTERDAY"



BROADWAY'S BIGGEST HIT!  
Starring  
Judy Holliday · Broderick Crawford  
Directed by George Cukor · Based on the Stage Play by Garson Kanin  
Written by Albert Mamliner · Produced by S. Sylvan Simon  
Music by George Gershwin · Score by Jerome Kern  
Columbia Pictures presents  
**BORN YESTERDAY** ...Now a Perfectly Swell Motion Picture  
Coming Soon! "KIM"

Running Time: 100 minutes

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